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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: ARMS EMBARGO

1. IN THE WAKE OF THE HOUSE VOTE, I BELIEVE WE MUST NOW FOCUS ON THREE BASIC OBJECTIVES. THE FIRST IS TO GET THE TURKS THROUGH THE SHOCK WAVE THAT IS INEVITABLY GOING TO SHAKE THE BODY POLITIC HERE. THE SECOND IS TO LIMIT TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY RETALIATORY STEPS AGAINST OUR PRESENCE OR OTHER UNWISE ACTIONS. THIRD IS TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO GAIN INCREASED TURKISH FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO A CYPRUS SOLUTION.

2. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, I RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

-- FIRST, EXPLORE IMMEDIATELY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE IS SOME OTHER LEGISLATIVE DEVICE (FOR EXAMPLE AN AMENDMENT WHICH COULD BE TACKED ON SOME OTHER BILL NOW SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE HOUSE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO) WHICH COULD PRODUCE A LEGISLATIVE RESULT THAT WOULD HAVE AT LEAST SOME OF THE FEATURES OF THE BILL THAT WAS DEFEATED JULY 24. I RECOGNIZE THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR A SOLUTION OF THIS KIND ARE REMOTE, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT SHOULD BE EXPLORED ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

-- SECOND, IF THE ABOVE IS NOT FEASIBLE, AN ALTERNATE APPROACH WOULD BE TO ADVISE THE TURKS THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL USE THE \$50 MILLION WAIVER -- EMPHASIZING THAT THIS WILL TIDE THEM OVER FOR SOME LITTLE

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TIME AND ALSO EMPHASIZING THAT THE ISSUE OF THE EMBARGO WILL AUTOMA-

TICALLY AGAIN COME BEFORE THE CONGRESS WHEN THIS YEAR'S AID BILL REACHES THE FLOOR. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO STATE THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO BRING THIS LEGISLATION FORWARD IN A MORE TIMELY MANNER THAN IS GENERALLY THE CASE.

3. AS AN IMMEDIATE STEP, I RECOMMEND A PROMPT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER. I URGE THAT THIS MESSAGE NOT RPT NOT SIMPLY BE A STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AND CONCERN OVER THE VOTE AND HIS DETERMINATION TO CARRY ON THE BATTLE. IT SHOULD ALSO SPELL OUT THE ALTERNATIVE COURSES THE PRESIDENT IS NOW EXPLORING.

4. IF THE PRESIDENT DOES GO INTO THESE SPECIFICS, HOWEVER, HE SHOULD ALSO SPEAK CANDIDLY ON TWO ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS. HE SHOULD I BELIEVE, EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR CONTINUING TURKISH RESTRAINT WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. PRESENCE. HE SHOULD ALSO USE THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED IN THIS MESSAGE TO CALL AGAIN TO PRIME MINISTER'S ATTENTION HOW DAMAGING THE TURKISH IMMOBILITY ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE HAS BEEN TO HIS EFFORTS WITH CONGRESS.
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